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SUBJ: DRAFT REPORT TO NATO MINISTERS ON MEDITERRANEAN SITUATION (MED REPORT)

REF: A) STATE 047896; B) USNATO 1167

1. ON MARCH 15, MED DRAFTING GROUP COMPLETED WEEK LONG INTENSIVE DRAFTING SESSION CHARACTERIZED BY DOGGED ATTEMPTS BY FRANCE TO INSERT INTO THE DRAFT POLITICAL INTERPRETATIONS GENERALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO OTHERS AND PARTICULARLY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S. BECAUSE OF THIS FRENCH APPROACH TO WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY A MEETING OF REGIONAL EXPERTS, DRAFTING EXERCISE WAS FREQUENTLY BOGGED DOWN IN HASSLES WHICH REFLECTED CURRENT DISAGREEMENTS
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AMONG THE ALLIES ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS ALLIANCE CONSULTATIONS, U.S.-EC RELATIONS, AND APPROACHES TO THE ENERGY CRISIS.

2. MOST OF DEPARTMENT COMMENTS SET FORTH IN REF (A) ARE

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SUBSTANTIALLY INCORPORATED IN THE REPORT.

3. MOST DIFFICULT CLASHES WITH FRANCE WERE THE FOLLOWING:

A. IN ALL MENTION OF ARAB-ISRAELI NEGOTATIONS FRANCE TRIED
TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE WHICH EMPHASIZED THE U.S. AND SOVIET ROLES
AND WHICH DOWNPLAYED OR ELIMINATED MENTION OF THE INITIATIVES
OF THE NEGOTIATING PARTIES AND THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS.
IN PARA 7 OF THE ORIGINAL REPORT (SEE REF (B)) FRANCE CATEGORICALLY
REFUSED TO ALLOW THE REPORT TO ACKNOWLEDGE FACT THAT EGYPT-ISRAELI
KILOMETER 101 DISCUSSIONS WERE UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE GENEVA
CONFERENCE. INSTEAD FRANCE PROPOSED LANGUAGE WHICH ATTEMPTED
TO ATTRIBUTE THE JAN 18 DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT TO "INTERVEN-
TION"OF THE U.S. FRENCH DELEGATE PROPOSED VARIETY OF FORMU-
LATIONS THAT WERE COMPLIEMNTARY OF AND GRATEFUL FOR U.S.
DIPLOMATIC ACHIEVEMENTS PROVIDED THAT NO MENTION OF THE GENEVA
CONFERENCE OR THE U.S, WAS INCLUDED. COMPROMISE WAS FINALLY
REACHED WHICH SIMPLY SET FORTH THE FACT OF THE DISENGAGEMENT
AGREEMENT AND NOTED THAT THE DOCUMENTS WERE INITIALED BY THE
U.N. REP IN ATTENDANCE,

B. IN ECONOMIC SECTION (PARA 33), TO THE GREAT DISMAY OF
ITS EC PARTNERS, FRANCE ATTEMPTED TO INCLUDE FAVORABLE MENTION
OF THE EC INTENTION TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS WITH ARAB STATES "WITH
THE AIM OF, AMONGST OTHER THINGS, ESTABLISHING A THOROUGH,
LONG TERM, ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH THEM". U.S. REP
COUNTERED BY INSISTING THAT IF SUCH STATEMENT WAS INCLUDED PARA
WOULD ALSO HAVE TO REFLECT ANALYSIS OF THE WASHINGTON ENERGY
CONFERENCE INITIATIVE AND OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE WASHINGTON
AND EC EFFORTS. LONG STRUGGLE MOST EMBARRASSING TO FRANCE'S EC
ALLIES ENSUED. U.S. REFUSED FRENCH CORRIDOR OFFER TO REACH BILATERAL
COMPROMISE FORMULATION AND PROPOSED EC FACE UP TO SPLIT WITHIN ITS
RANKS. WHEN ISSUE CAME TO POLLING OF DELEGATIONS FRANCE WAS
ISLOATED AND HAD TO SETTLE FOR FOOTNOTE TO THE REPORT;

C. IN PARA 36 FRANCE PROPOSED INSERTION OF LANGUAGE SUBTLY
SUGGESTING THAT ALLIES SHOULD INDIVIDUALLY ENGAGE IN ENERGY
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CONSULTATIONS ONLY IN FORA THAT INCLUDE PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND
LDCS FROM THE BEGINNING OF DISCUSSIONS (I.E. THE U.N. FORMULA).
U.S. REP COUNTERED BY PROPOSING THAT ALLIES SHOULD FIRST OF ALL
UNDERTAKE TO CONSULT OF ENERGY AMONG THEMSELVES. DUTCH,
GREEKS AND TURKS TOOK UP THIS SUGGESTION WITH ENTHUSIASM.
ARDUOUS NEGOTATIONS OVER A HANDFUL OF WORDS CONSUMED ALMOST
HALF OF FINAL DAY. AGREEMENT WAS NOT REACHED, AND THIS SENTENCE
OF DRAFT REPORT STANDS AS FOLLOWS: "IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD ALL
OF THE ALLIED COUNTRIES SHOULD DETERMINE, THROUGH ALL APPROPRIATE
BEGIN BRACKETS CONSULTATIONS END BRACKETS BEGIN BRACKETS CONTACTS
END BRACKETS HOW BEST TO DIMINISH THE IMPACT ON THEIR
ECONOMIES AS A WHOLE OF THE ARAB DECISIONS ON OIL SUPPLIES.

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4. BECAUSE OF POSSIBILITY OF APRIL MINISTERIAL, MED DRAFTING GROUP MET TWO MONTHS EARLIER THAN USUAL. HOWEVER, AS IT NOW SEEMS LIKELY SPRING NAC MINISTERIAL WILL NOT BE HELD UNTIL JUNE, DRAFT REPORT, WHILE MAINTAINING STATUS AS A PROVISIONALLY AGREED DOCUMENT, WILL NEED TO BE UP-DATED AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING OF DRAFTING GROUP BEFORE REPORT IS SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL FOR ENDORSEMENT AND FORWARDING TO MINISTERS. TEXT OF DRAFT AS IT NOW STANDS WILL BE FORWARDED TO ADDRESSEES IN ABOUT ONE WEEK. RUMSFELD

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